

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 11 July 2017
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from June 6, 2017. Approved with edits.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Notification about upcoming Zoning meeting. Looking at proposed changes in Arlington Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. Notification from the Conservation Commission. The Commission is looking for support for Life Scout project at Windows on the Mystic Park. Suggestions made to get more information: Ask the scout why he wants to do this project, request a copy of the sign and get back to the scout and Conservation Commission, and have the project include arrangement with the Department of Public Works for upkeep. Commissioner Meister will review the email from the Conservation Commission.
 - c. Request for sign-off for 12 Clyde Terrace. The Arlington Historical Commission does not have jurisdiction of this property as it is not on the Inventory. Sign off sent to the Building Department.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- New Attorney in place. Looking to fill Treasurer position.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Jason Russell House is open. No scheduled summer programs.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Contact Carol Greeley with the AHDC to make plans for Town Day. Booth applications are due.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- All projects were approved at Town Meeting. Ms. Robinson met with Jim Feeney regarding garden and requests for quotes. Nat Strossberg will be working on the expansion of the Inventory. Clarissa Rowe will be working on the plans for the Old Burying Ground.

Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins Carriage House CPA Guthrie- Close to completion. Snow guards added and roof is almost complete.
 - b. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
 - c. 1210 Massachusetts Avenue 3/16 Schaefer- It was determined at this meeting that the project is complete and no longer requires a monitor.
 - d. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order

- e. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 8/16 Stange- It was determined at this meeting that the project is complete and no longer requires a monitor.
- f. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Work in progress.
- g. 122 Claremont Avenue 11/16 Stange- It was determined at this meeting that the project is complete and no longer requires a monitor.
- h. 30 Orvis Road 3/16 Guthrie- It was determined at this meeting that the project is complete and no longer requires a monitor.
- i. 487 Massachusetts Avenue 5/17 Schaefer- No new sign yet.
- j. 89 Beacon Street 4/17 Schaefer- No report.
- k. 1167 Massachusetts Avenue 4/17 Robinson- Nothing to report.

4. Continuing Projects

- a. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Plans are developing for repair of fountain.
- b. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing report.
- c. Historic House Markers: Vicki Rose- Nothing to report.
- d. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- e. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

5. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Hearing for 47 Bartlett Avenue. Owner: Danny Loss and Caleb Rogers, father-in-law. Proposed work that is visible from the exterior related to lead abatement.

Windows: To be re-painted before re-installation. Original windows will remain in place.

Front porch: Dip wood storm door. Replace plexi-glass panels with tempered glass. Remove and reinstall existing hardware.

Exterior of house and garage; scrape loose and flaking lead paint and repaint.

Possible future changes: installation of soffit ventilation of roof, installation of chimney caps, extension of downspouts to 4 feet from house and repainting of exterior.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve project as described. Wood trim to be repaired in kind as needed, and replace plexi-glass with tempered glass. Future work approved at this time to replace in kind. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Meister. All voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Robinson will be the monitor for the project.

This hearing closed at 8:12pm.

8:30pm Discussion for 15 Colonial Drive- Informal Discussion. Jana Chaudhuri and Peter McAuliffe have plans to demolish the house at 15 Colonial Drive. Ms. Chaudhuri presented research of the history of Kelwyn Manor and the significance of their house in the Manor. This house is on the Inventory. A formal hearing will be held on July 25, 2017. This discussion ended at 9:07pm.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be July 25, 2017 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.